

OUTDOOR EDUCATION AND RECREATION

MEETING MINUTES

February 9, 2004

Meeting called to order: 8:12 pm

Attendance: Gail Ballard, Tom Ballard, Tina Fleming, Kevin Archambault, Alayne Waterstraat and Cole Waterstraat.

Additions to agenda: Project F.I.S.H.

ATV Safety

Duck Hunting-Wood Duck Boxes

Bass Pro-Bass Ponds

Novi Outdoor Expo.

Minutes read and motion to approve minutes by Alayne W. and seconded by Kevin A.

Discussion of upcoming County Event: Camping

Talk of this event to occur from Fri. to Sun. or from Thurs. to Sat.

Discussion of a 1 day camp could be an option for those unable to attend each day.

Looking for educational programs available for campers such as Birds of Prey, Project F.I.S.H., some outdoor activities, hiking, swimming, survival etc.

Alayne is to check into camps available for a large number, location and costs.

If someone has input on the camping adventure, please contact Alayne at 586-7272-3030.

Outreach Activity 2004-2005:

This activity is to reach kids who normally wouldn't be involved in outdoor activities. Gail made a suggestion that we could even make smores, while Tom made the suggestion of getting space at the Armada fair to show outdoor education and we could make smores there. Project F.I.S.H. certified instructors are LeRoy Mikolowski and Kevin Archambault who could "reach out" to kids in this area.

The Great Outdoors Grant (a.k.a. Nature), is a grant the MSUE received for use in the Outreach Activity.

Pine River Nature Center in Goodells - Lisa Apple contact person - great place to go for a variety of outdoor education.

Spring Achievement was discussed. This is something to think about for all non-animal projects the kids can show their projects and things they've done.

Fundraising:

For Outdoor Ed and Rec, discussed many possibilities and even candy bar and cookie sales that would be sold and disbursed through all developmental committees. This committee could also sell trees. Also this area is in need of an EIN #, Kevin A. volunteered to handle this issue.

Project Challenge:

In St. Clair County, Larry Whitenight is the contact, looking for people interested in out county that would like to get certified in this area. Training includes a 5 weekend session throughout May-Jan. and would include, backpacking, canoeing, winter rec., rock climbing and many other area of enjoyment. Registration due by April.

Looking for Camp Counselors: age 13 and up

Check www.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth for more information on how you can become a help, have fun and be a camp counselor.

February 22nd - Ice Fishing at State Fair Grounds

Matt Roberts is the person in charge of this fun day. If interested in this event, attendance at the Coyote Club 4-H Club meeting on Feb. 16th would be a great idea, the person organizing this event has more information at this meeting.

February 25th - February 29th Novi Outdoor Expo

There are 112 families registered for the Outdoor Education and Recreation.

There is a family survey that is to be mailed out which will help direct the committee as to where we can focus and where the interests lie.

Meeting dates are the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:00pm - 7:00pm at Huron Pointe Sportsmans Club, immediately following: Shooting Sports 7:00pm - 8:00pm.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 9:12pm by Cole W., seconded by LeRoy.

Respectfully submitted:

Alayne Waterstraat